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## **GLICKMAN ANNOUNCES HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CRP SIGN-UP, WITH 9.5 MILLION ACRES OFFERED**

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 12, 1997--Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman today announced the successful conclusion of the sixteenth sign-up period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

"Preliminary data from the field indicates that we received approximately 125,404 offers for 9,449,702 acres during the most recent CRP sign-up that concluded on November 14," Glickman said.

Glickman cautioned the public that these figures are preliminary estimates only. Final numbers may vary.

"Producers continue to show interest in the CRP," said Glickman. "I am confident this will allow the Department to continue to enroll acres that provide significant environmental benefits relative to cost."

The CRP is based on voluntary partnerships between Government and members of the public. Agricultural producers receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for establishing various kinds of protective cover on suitable farm property to protect and improve air, water, soil quality, and habitat for wildlife. Rents are based on local agricultural-value market rates and acres are selected to maximize environmental benefits.

All land that is enrolled in the program must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefit index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all offers and all types of land. Producers will be notified of acreage acceptance by early February.

Individual sign-up statistics by State follow. These figures are taken from preliminary returns from FSA field offices. Final sign-up figures will be released later.

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State	No. of offers	Acres offered
National Summary	125,404	9,449,702
Alabama	3,542	145,090
Alaska	1	138
Arkansas	773	42,033
California	76	17,238
Colorado	2,820	511,519
Connecticut	5	98
Delaware	20	472
Florida	404	15,756
Georgia	2,937	96,761
Idaho	678	82,945
Illinois	7,211	203,338
Indiana	3,166	90,966
Iowa	11,927	456,895
Kansas	7,754	537,608
Kentucky	2,035	76,513
Louisiana	615	45,163
Maine	283	6,939
Maryland	150	3,653
Massachusetts	10	247
Michigan	2,240	70,532
Minnesota	11,064	520,894
Mississippi	2,871	141,951
Missouri	5,779	295,295
Montana	5,200	1,045,251
Nebraska	4,409	315,165
Nevada	3	597
New Jersey	50	1,621
New Mexico	55	11,860
New York	414	12,783
North Carolina	1,630	28,632
North Dakota	10,440	1,141,954
Ohio	1,995	62,236
Oklahoma	3,114	343,692
Oregon	485	83,060
Pennsylvania	491	16,021
South Carolina	1,883	61,525
South Dakota	6,196	606,391
Tennessee	2,222	74,039
Texas	8,917	1,390,167
Utah	334	56,374
Virginia	959	19,079
Washington	3,571	591,509
West Virginia	10	282
Wisconsin	6,454	168,959
Wyoming	211	56,459

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